

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

Methods for identifying agents that reduce Rheb effectors activity are provided. The ~~Rheb effectors can be~~ agents are Rheb ~~agonists or~~ antagonists and can be utilized as lead compounds for the development of drugs for the treatment of ~~diabetes or~~ diseases associated with abnormal cell growth. Non-human, transgenic animals over-expressing Rheb protein, and methods of making such transgenic animals, are also provided.